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UNEMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have estimated the number of youths becoming eligible for getting employment every year in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of unemployed persons in the rural areas at present, State-wise;

(d) whether the unemployment is increasing in the rural areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b) The estimates of unemployment are obtained from the data collected by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) once in five years.

(c) The estimates of rural unemployment rates (usual status approach) Statewise, obtained through the latest round of NSSO Survey (55th round) during 1999-2000 are given in the Statement at Annexure.

(d) & (e) According to the latest two rounds of surveys conducted by NSSO in1993- 94 (50th round) and 1999-2000 (55th round), unemployment rate in rural areas has increased from 1.13% in 1993-94 to 1.43% in 1999-2000. The growth rate of labour force during the period 1994-2000 has been estimated at 0.71% in rural areas, compared to 1.08% at All India level.